



The Columbine

Fort Carson Officers' Spouses' Club

January
2007

We know you've been waiting...

Polish Pottery Bingo!!

Wednesday, January 17

6pm to 8:30pm

at the Elkhorn Conference Center

Please RSVP by Jan. 11th to Allison

Fuller at 719-359-6546 or

fc_osc@yahoo.com

**Food Choice: Chicken Fettuccini or Veal
Parmesan, both with salad, veggies, rolls,
dessert, tea, and coffee. Cash bar available.**

Cost: \$15

**Please arrive promptly to allow lots of
time for Bingo.**

**This month we'll be
showing our support of
"Warm the World", a
group of people who
knit blankets for
newborns of deployed
soldiers. Please bring
non-wool yarn (new or
scraps) or cash to help
them continue their
wonderful work.**

**Help us boost our
membership. Bring a
potential OSC member
and receive a free
raffle ticket! If that
person becomes a
member, receive an
extra bingo card!**

“Steph’s Stuff”

I hope you are all enjoying a warm, joyful Holiday Season. In anticipation of 2007, I find myself thinking of all the opportunities for change and learning that are sure to abound in the new year. I always wonder what I should declare my “Resolution”, but this year I’m releasing the pressure I put on myself and simply resolving to take care of myself and be the best person that I can be...a good mother, wife, daughter, friend. For, whether or not we know it, our attitudes and actions greatly influence our lives and the lives of those around us.

I wish you a new year filled with happiness, health, and many blessings. May it bring you all you need to be the best person that you can. I hope we all continue to enjoy the friends we make and the fun we have by participating in the Officers’ Spouses’ Club. I know many more good times await us in 2007.

I close with a quote from Benjamin Franklin:

Be always at war with your vices, at peace with your neighbors, and let each new year find you a better person.

All the best!
Your President,
Stephanie Sharp

“Kate’s Kuips”

Happy New Year OSC Members!

With the new year upon us, we all face our own challenges. Many of us will adopt new resolutions for 2007. Whether it’s to be a healthier, happier or stronger person, we will strive to be different from the person we were just a few days or months before. I wish that all of you who want to change this year will be able to meet your goal. It is not an easy task, but it can be done.

So I am sure that you’re wondering what I’m up to this year. I resolve to have a year of fun and enjoyment with the members of this club. I hope that I see each and every one of you at our different events throughout the year. Polish Pottery Bingo is just a few weeks away, and I’d love to see you all there! We all need some time to unwind in an atmosphere of a never ending deployment cycle. The club offers opportunities to interact with people who understand – no explanations required if you are having a bad day. Take advantage and have a good time with us!

Remember our clubs are looking for new members all the time. Bowling will begin January 18th for another 12 week season. If you are interested in joining a team or starting your own, please contact me at beckmaka@msn.com. We’d love to see every lane filled. Furthermore, check the list of clubs in this publication, and see if one interests you. There is always room for one more.

Finally, know that I am working tirelessly to create a wonderful casino night. We are moving toward all of our goals, and I could not do it without volunteers. Thank you to the members who have offered to be chairpersons. This is going to be a profitable fundraiser and a great year for OSC and its members.

Have Fun!
Kate Beckage
1VP



Anecdotes from Rose and Amanda

Hello Ladies,

Hopefully your Christmas was joyous and memorable. We like to give a big thanks to all of you who helped with Tour of Homes; especially to the hostesses that opened their homes to the tour, everything looked great! And thanks to Carina and Mary for coordinating and creating such beautiful hostess presents.

As we head into January, hopefully life takes a slower, winter pace, and we can all relax a bit. And what a better way to relax and have some fun, than to come to Polish Pottery Bingo! We are having our mid-year membership drive, as well as collecting yarn for a great cause. So bring a friend, and come to the Elkhorn on the 17th for what's sure to be a great time.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Rosemary Kerns and Amanda Wright
2nd VP's



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*Molly Sawyer, age 20 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr...559-8514
...has car, available after school (2pm)

*Erin Sawyer, age 18 (mother, Maggie)...9459 Summer Meadows Dr....559-8514
...has car, available evenings

*Monica Lobner, age 14 (mother, Bonnie)...4220 Danceglen Dr...540-2734

*Sam Fritts, age 15 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends,
prefers potty-trained children

*Kathryn Fritts, age 12 (mother, Karen)...7908C Bayonet Cir...559-8910...after school/wkends

*ARC Certified

Lawn Services

Erick Murphy (mother, Carina)...610 Fernglen Ct (Broadmoor Glen area)...226-0762

We Create Community

Registration begins January 2 for...

Spring Soccer

It's easy ... register by Walk-in, Mail, Fax, Drop-off, or the Internet. Open to kids ages 5-15.
Practices start the week of March 27; games begin the week of April 9
and end no later than May 25.

Judo

Open to kids ages 5-17. Program runs year round on Tuesday and Thursdays
from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Olympic Training Center.

One Springs Boxing

Open to kids ages 8-18. Program runs three days per week from February 12-May 11
from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.

1st Team Wrestling

Open to kids ages 7-16. Program runs Mondays and Wednesdays,
February 12-April 18 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Olympic Training Center.

COMING UP... Spring Tackle Football!

For details, check out www.springsgov.com



Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you!



January Birthdays...

15 Nicole Cooley
21 Tana Cabellero
26 Kathy Cho
27 Kim Gerst
28 Lisa Doyle and
Kristy Powell



Join A Club...

Bowling: Kate Beckage 559-7470

Book Club: Lynn Engen 576-2602

Dessert of the Month: Amanda Waterman 382-4604

Quilting Club: Maridee Hargis 559-9442 or
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Bunco: Maggie Sawyer 559-8514

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Thanks to Cathy Hanson for all her hard work spending countless hours last month mass-producing coasters and name plaques for our loyal customers. Thanks, also, to Lee Ann Nelson for making the wonderful ornaments.

And, of course, a big **THANK YOU**
to all of you who placed orders!

The money brought in by the Mountain Post Market is used to cover our operating expenses.

One resolution I have made, and try always to keep, is this: To rise above the little things. ~J. Burroughs

"A Morning Wish" by W.R. Hunt

"The sun is just rising on the morning of another day, the first day of the new year. What can I wish that this day, that this year, may bring to me?"

- *Nothing that shall make the world of others poorer, nothing at the expense of others; but just those few things which in their coming do not stop with me but touch me rather, as they pass and gather strength:
- *A few friends who understand me, and yet remain my friends.
- *A work to do which has real value without which the world would feel the poorer.
- *A return for such work small enough not to tax unduly anyone who pays.
- *A mind unafraid to travel, even though the trail be not blazed.
- *An understanding heart.
- *A sight of the eternal hills and unbelting sea, and of something beautiful the individual hand has made.
- *A sense of humor and the power to laugh.
- *A little leisure with nothing to do.
- *A few moments of quiet, silent meditation. The sense of the presence of God.
- *And the patience to wait for the coming of these things, with the wisdom to know them when they come."

A SHOW OF HANDS

Sign Language for Wee Ones



Using signs with young children.....

- *Enhances spoken communication and reduces frustration and aggressive behavior
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This Month's Ravin' Restaurant Review



Montague's

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520-0672



Enjoy a cup of coffee (their mocha is unbelievable) or pot of tea (54 varieties to choose from) in this cozy café furnished with beautiful antique tables and wingback chairs. The menu includes mouth-watering pastries and desserts baked daily, soups, sandwiches (the orchard is my favorite), pot pies, and stuffed croissants.

You've got to try this place!!

Submitted by: Stephanie Sharp

I think in terms of the day's resolutions, not the year's. ~H. Moore

Tour of Homes

Thanks to our gracious hostesses who opened their beautiful homes to us with such charming hospitality!

Dec. 10



Left: Lori Frieden, Sonya Anyanwu, & Carina Murphy at Lori's house



Left: Jessica Schleider & Cathy Hanson at Jessica's house



Above: Adele Snook, Kate Beckage, and Ruth Mixon at Ruth's house

Left: Becky Goldner, Kate, Adele, and Cathy at Kathy Cho's house



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The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams. ~Eleanor Roosevelt

Kudos to the Santa's Workshop Crew!!!

Thanks, Suzanne, Renee, and Roz for a challenging job well done!

And, thanks to all of you who spent time volunteering to help our Army Families in need. The combined efforts of everyone contributed to the happiness of many during this season.

Important Membership Information:

- **Members who join from January through the end of the year only pay **\$15** in dues.
- **In order for you or your child(ren) to be eligible for our scholarships this spring, you must become a member by **February 15**.

FYI! You can rent a bunny suit or silver serving trays, tea sets, and other service from the OSC. Call Susan Gueck-Gunn at 576-1595 for more info.



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2006-2007 Events

- Wed, 18Oct, 12 to 2pm – Oktoberfest
- Wed, 15Nov, 6 to 8*pm – Fajita Fiesta
Penrose House, Turkey Creek
- Mon, 4Dec – Santa's Workshop Ribbon
Cutting
- 4Dec to 8Dec – Santa's Workshop
- Sun, 10Dec, 2 to 5pm – Holiday Spectacular
Tour of Homes
- Wed, 17Jan, 6 to 8:30pm – Polish Pottery
Bingo
- Wed, 21Feb, 12 to 2pm – Bring on the Books:
Book Exchange and Children's Book Drive
- Sat, 17Mar – Casino Night
- Wed, 21Mar, 6 to 8*pm– This is Jeopardy..
Local Trivia at the Elkhorn
- Wed, 18Apr, 12 to 2pm – How Does Your
Garden Grow? Planting Tips for Our Climate
- Wed, 16May, 6 to 8*pm – Wine Tasting and
Installation at Taste of CO Wine Shop,
Manitou Springs

*Note time correction...evening events
are intended to end at 8pm, not 9pm.

Reservation Policy

- *Reservations (and food choices) for FCOSC events must be made in advance. Please note the RSVP date in your copy of the Columbine.
- *At each event, the reservations coordinator will greet you at the entrance where you will pick up your nametag and pay by check or cash. Sorry, no credit cards on site.
- *Those who wish to hold permanent reservations may do so by providing their credit card information. If you choose to utilize this convenience and are unable to make an event, please call to cancel as soon as possible.
- *Cancellations will be taken anytime after the RSVP date. Cancellations inside a 48-hour window will warrant a charge for the event.

Childcare Policy

The childcare policy has changed since the 2005-2006 year. Last year childcare was donated to FCOSC due to the large number of deployed soldiers. That has since changed. You are now responsible for your own childcare expenses.

- *Childcare for morning events is available at the southwest hourly care center; your child must be registered through central registration to use this facility.
- *Reservations for childcare may be made up to two weeks in advance for daytime functions by calling 526-2463.
- * Evening childcare will be the responsibility of participating spouses. For a list of certified childcare providers, call central registration at 526-1101.
- * Child and Youth Services only allows 20 hours worth of childcare per week. If you have exceeded this allowance, they will not make your child's reservation.

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